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Biographic Coverage by Bi-State

I. Political

CPSU Presidium, Secretariat, RSFSR Bureau; full Central Committee membership

Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs of Central Committee Sections

Same for republic parties and Moscow and Leningrad Oblasts

Obkom secretariats, plus section chiefs of Moscow and Leningrad

Obkom members

Gorkom secretariats in most oblast centers

Gorkom members in principal cities

II. Governmental

Premier and Presidium of Council of Ministers

Ministers, Deputy Ministers, chiefs of main administrations (USSR and Republic, including State Committees)

Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen, Oblispolkoms and principal gorispolkoms

Oblispolkom membership principal cities

Rayonkom chairmen and deputy chairmen

III. Legislative

Chairmen and members, presidia of USSR and republic Supreme Soviets

All deputies to Supreme Soviets

Members of Supreme Soviet commissions

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Oblast Soviet membership Leningrad and Moscow, possibly Kiev and other cities

IV. Mass Organizations, Social, Cultural, Religious

Governing bodies of Komsomol, Dosaaf, Council for Religious Cults, various leading church dignitaries, WFTU, WPC, VOKS, etc., etc.

V. Academies of Science

Governing bodies of USSR and republic academies and affiliates

Chiefs and deputy chiefs of branches of USSR academy, perhaps some republic academies; includes chiefs of individual academies as Academy of Medical Sciences.

VI. Economic

Leading theoretical economists such as Varga, Ostrovityanov, party hacks who write on economic subjects; some airplane designers (Mikoyan, Tupolev).

Gaps in State Coverage

Because of lack of information, personnel and facilities, State RI does not cover the workers in the apparati of many Soviet institutions: central party, republic party, GOSPLAN, etc. Also, no purely economic people are covered. No plant directors, combine managers, lower levels of Gosplan officials are covered unless these people are deputies to the Supreme Soviet or members of one of the party organs mentioned above. While this lack is not entirely State's fault, it does lead to embarrassment at times. Two classic examples: The almost complete lack of biographic information available on KHRUSHCHEV when he was named USSR Gosplan chairman; and, the lack of information on TSHERNENKO when he was named Ukrainian minister of Ferrous Metallurgy. He had been director of the Azovstal combine, and consequently, had never been picked up. Similar problems can be expected to arise in the cases of chiefs of administrations of individual sovnarkhozy, particularly those who are not purely administrative types (i.e., those concerned with production).

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